

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Art Unit: 3781
VON SPRECKELSEN, et al.)
Application No.: 10/595,820) Examiner: McKinley, Christopher Brian
Filed: June 25, 2004)
Atty. Docket No.: 44257.0004) Confirmation No.: 7195
Title: "FITMENTS")
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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
(37 CFR §1.142)

Dear Sir:

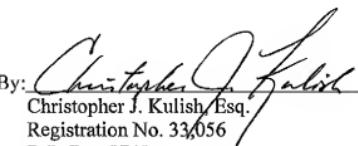
In an Office Action dated February 22, 2008, the Office issued a requirement of restriction requiring that the application be restricted to a single invention among several allegedly independent or distinct inventions identified in the Action as Groups 1 and 2.

The undersigned attorney, on behalf of the assignee, elects the invention of Group 1, which is embodied in claims 1-8. To preserve the right to rejoinder, a second preliminary amendment is being submitted that amends claim 9 of Group 2 to be dependent from claim 1.

In the event that a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) is required to have this reply considered and such a petition does not otherwise accompany this reply, please consider this a petition for an extension of time for the required number of months and authorization to debit Deposit Account 08-2623 for the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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